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- 1. WE NOTE THAT WITH THE REOPENING OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ON MAY 11 AND THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN GENEVA OF SECRETARY VANCE WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, THE ALLIES WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BEING KEPT ABREAST OF THE LATEST SALT DEVELOPMENTS.
- 2. TO THE EXTENT SALT ISSUES HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED AT THE NATO SUMMIT, IT WOULD BE OF VALUE, WE BELIEVE, TO PROVIDE TO ALLIES A US STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THIS ROUND OF THE TALKS--EVEN IF IT IS NO MORE THAN A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR OFFICIAL POSITION UNFOLDED DURING THE MARCH MEETING IN MOSCOW. IF,HOWEVER, THERE IS ANY ELEMENT OF THIS ROUND WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED TO GENERATE UNUSUAL PUBLIC ATTENTION, AND ON WHICH WE HAVE NOT BRIEFED OUR ALLIES, IT ALSO WOULD BE HELPFUL TO INFORM THEM AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.
- 3. ADDITIONALLY, THE ALLIES WILL APPRECIATE AN ACCOUNT OF THE VANCE-GROMYKO MEETINGS AND A BRIEFING ON NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA WHENEVER A CONVENIENT DATE CAN BE ARRANGED BY THE US SALT DELEGATION TO BRIEF THE NATO CONFIDENTIAL

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